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LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION TO WRESTLING
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote/encourage wrestling in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of cities of different States where coaching facilities are being provided to the wrestlers, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take services of foreign coaches to impart training to the wrestlers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): The primary responsibility for the development of various sports disciplines vests in the National Sports Federation (NSF) concerned, which in case of wrestling is the Wrestling Federation of India. The Government supplements their efforts through financial assistance for holding national/international sports events in India, participation of sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, training/ coaching of national level sportspersons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and consumables etc. as per agreed Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs). For preparation of Indian Wrestling Team's participation in 2012 London Olympic Games Government has drawn a plan with an estimated expenditure of Rs.1572.16 lakhs towards : Maintenance charges towards Field of Play (Rs.40.00 lakhs); Boarding & food supplements (Rs.546.00 lakhs); Lodging charges (Rs.420.00 lakhs); Scientific & Medial support (Rs.50.40 lakhs); Consumable sports equipments (Rs.10.50 lakhs); Non-consumable sports equipments (Rs.15.00 lakhs); Indian Coahces (Rs.38.40 lakhs); Supporting Personnel (Rs.33.60 lakhs); Foreign exposure & training (Rs.239.76 lakhs); Travel for participation in competition in India (Rs.147.00 lakhs); and sports kit (Rs.31.50 lakhs).

At state level, it is the responsibility of state level federations and the concerned state government to develop various sports disciplines. Apart from this, the Sports Authority of India is running the following promotional schemes in which wrestling is one of the discipline and training by experienced coaches with scientific back up is provided to the players to achieve excellence at national/international level:

(a) National Sports Talent Scheme (NSTC)

(b) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)

(c) SAI Training Centre (STC)

(d) Special Area Games (SAG)

(e) Centre of Excellence (COE)

(c) A statement showing cities where coaching facilities are being provided to the wrestlers by Sports Authority of India is annexed at Annexure I.

Apart from this, the SAI has adopted 38 Akharas in various states where training is provided to wrestlers. A list of these Akharas is at Annexure II.

SAI has also deployed 56 wrestling coaches in various states under its various schemes to train wrestlers.

(d) & (e): At present three foreign coaches − one each for Free Style, Female Wrestling and Greeco Roman Style - are engaged for the training of elite wrestlers attending national coaching camps.